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labeled February 26, 1952, submitting an envelope
and accompanying letter for laboratory and latent fingerprint
examination.

one latent fingerprint and one impression, which is
either a latent fingerprint or a latent partial palmar impression,
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Laboratory report separate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

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Re: PET. & PATENT
DOROTHY LAMOUR
VIKEXFile #
Lab. # D-115215 BE

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Examination requested by: Los Angeles 9-new

Date of reference communication: Oct. 2-26-52

Date received: 3-3-52

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Examination requested: Doc. - Fp.

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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- Q1 Envelope bearing the typewritten address "Miss Dorothy Lamour 1736 Hollywood Street Beverly Hills, California," pm. "PHILADELPHIA, PA. ~~RECEIVED~~ FEB 15 1952 10-AM," from "Pete Altieri 2325 S. Bouvier Street Philadelphia, Pa."
- Q2 Accep. typewritten letter beg. "My Dear Wife Dorothy! I Love With Ally My Hoart, But....," bearing the handwritten sig. "PETE ALTIERI."

9-21-87

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tolson

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (9-new)

SUBJECT: PETER ALTIERI;
DOROTHY LAMOUR - Victim
EXTORTION

DATE: February 26, 1952

Attention:
FBI Laboratory

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On February 26, 1952, [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] North Hollywood, California, made available
the following airmail typewritten letter:

"Philadelphia., Pa.
2/14/52

"Miss Dorothy LaFlour
1736 Hollywood Street
Beverly Hills., Calif.

"My Dear Wife Dorothy:

"I Love With All My Heart, But I Cannot
Understand why you ignore me like you do, when
you were in Phila.. Last Year You would not see
me and made J.B. Keep me From You. My Mother is
crying every day because you will not see me. How
is my Mother-inLaw? .

"The reason I am writing you is that I
Must have some Money for an operation and I am not
able to work any more, hav'nt for 4 years. I would
like to see my Son Pete and you very much, so please
sent me enough money for the operation and enough to
come see you.

"I am also having trouble with my broyer
as he does not want to support me any more since I
have no money, he wants to force a Sheriff sale of
our house on which I Still owe, \$1400.00, please
send me some money at once to help me.

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"Don't believe what J.B. told you, You gave him \$3000.00 to give me and he kept it all for himself, if he comes to your house have our son little Pete punch him in the nose for me, Please answer me at once."

"Your Loving Husband,

"/s/ PETER ALTIERI
"Pete Altieri
2325 S. Bouvier Street
Philadelphia., Pa."

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Miss [redacted] indicated that this note had been received at the Paramount Studios on or about February 15, 1952, and held until she, Miss [redacted], called for same on February 25, 1952. She indicated that she was the Fan Mail Secretary of the victim's and had not previously encountered correspondence from the subject.

Philadelphia has been advised of the foregoing and is submitting for comparison purposes known specimens of the subject's signature, as well as a set of the subject's fingerprints and any available specimens of typewriter printing.

Enclosed herewith find instant letter received by the victim, and it is requested that the known specimens submitted by the Philadelphia Office be compared with this note in order to positively identify subject as author of the extortion note.

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Philadelphia., Pa.
2/14/52

Miss Dorothy LaMour
1736 Hollywood Street
Beverly Hills., Calif.

My Dear Wife Dorothy:

I Love With All My Heart, But I Cannot Understand why you ignore me like you do, when you were in Phila., Last Year You would not see me and made J.B. Keep me From You. My Mother is crying every day because you will not see me. How is my Mother-inLaw?.

The reason I am writing you is that I must have some Money for an operation and I am not able to work any more, hav'nt for 4 years. I would like to see my Son Pete and you very much, so please sent me enough money for the operation and enough to come see you.

I am also having trouble with my brother as he does not want to support me any more since I have no money, he wants to force a Sheriff sale of our house on which I Still owe \$1400.00, please send me some money at once to help me.

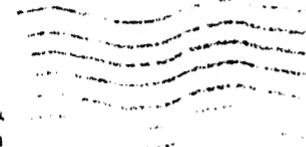
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Your Loving Husband,

Pete Altieri
Pete Altieri
2325 S. Bouvier Street
Philadelphia., Pa.

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Pete Altieri
3125 S. Bouver Street
Philadelphia., Pa.



Miss Dorothy Lamour
1736 Hollywood Street
Beverly Hills., California

AIR MAIL

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE
BEING RETAINED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: February 28, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen

Time of call: 7:20 p.m.

SUBJECT: PETER ALTIERI
DOROTHY LAMOUR - VICTIM
EXTORTIONPURPOSE:

To advise that subject was interviewed and admitted writing letter to victim and also that he indicated mental incompetence by insisting he is married to victim, that he was formerly married to Mae West, used to be lightweight boxing champion of the world and a former Philadelphia Police Officer. To recommend that the Los Angeles Office inform victim's secretary of the results of this investigation.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that the victim's fan mail secretary turned over to the Los Angeles Office, a letter from subject to victim wherein subject claimed to be victim's husband and wanted some money. The victim is in New York and according to her secretary, knows nothing of the receipt of this letter. The secretary knew nothing concerning the subject.

DEVELOPMENTS:

The Philadelphia Office made discreet inquiry and determined that the subject has not been mentally competent since his father died about 15 years ago. He is considered harmless and is supported by his brother [redacted]. He is known to have stated that he is "Jesus Christ!" He told his mother that he wanted to be married and recently asked her permission to go to California to see his wife. He was born in Italy in 1904 and was naturalized in 1929 in Philadelphia.

SA Waldman, Night Supervisor, Philadelphia Office, advised that the subject was interviewed today at his home by Bureau Agents and admitted sending the letter to victim. He claimed he can not write and said he had the letter typewritten by a friend whom he would not identify. He said he signed the letter. He claimed he is married to the victim and has one child named Pete. It is to be noted that his brother has an adopted boy named [redacted] and subject associates with younger boys in the neighborhood where he lives. He said he had only written this one letter to victim

cc: Mr. Nichols

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and he does not intend to write any more letters but expected to receive \$3,000 from victim because she promised to give him that amount when they separated. He said he might write another letter if he did not receive any word from her. He told agents he was formerly married to Mae West, used to be light weight boxing champion of the world and was a former policeman in Philadelphia.

Subject's brother told agents that subject was in a mental hospital for two weeks in 1934 and has not been right since. His brother said he would keep closer watch on subject to prevent him from writing another letter.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of the subject's apparent mental incompetence and the lack of any definite threat contained in the letter that the attached teletype be sent to the Los Angeles Office instructing that it will not be necessary to present this matter to the United States Attorney and that victim's secretary should be discreetly informed of the results of the investigation concerning subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. February 29, 1952

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES. MURKIN

MR. PETER ALTIERI, DOROTHY LAOUR, MIKEX. REPORT OF FEBRUARY TWENTY-EIGHT

1952. IN view of SUBJECT'S APPARENT MENTAL INCOMPETENCE AND LACK

OF DEFINITE THREATS IN LETTER IT IS BELIEVED UNNECESSARY TO PRESENT

THE MATTER TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER,

IMMEDIATELY INFORM VICTIM'S SECRETARY [REDACTED] BRIEFLY OF THE

RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION

HOOPER

cc :b:jl

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ELIZABETH ALTIERI, DOROTHY LAMOUR, VICKY. RECORDED FEB.

TWENTYSEVEN LAST, AND CONFIRMING TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION

WITH MR. MYERS OF BUREAU TONITE. SUBJECT WAS INTERVIEWED

AT HIS HOME TODAY AND ADMITTED SENDING LETTER TO LAMOUR.

HE CLAIMS HE CANNOT WRITE AND HAD IT TYPEWRITTEN BY A FRIEND

WHICH HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY. HE SAID HE SIGNED THE LETTER AND

CLAIMS THAT HE IS MARRIED TO LAMOUR AND HAS ONE CHILD NAMED

172. CLAIMS HE NEVER SENT ANY OTHER LETTERS TO LAMOUR OR

ANYONE ELSE AND SAYS HE DOES NOT INTEND TO WRITE ANY OTHER

BY THE EFFECTS TO RECEIVE THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM LABOUR BECAUSE

"CLAIMS SHE PROMISED TO GIVE HIM MONEY WHEN THEY SEPARATED

HE SAID HE MIGHT WRITE ANOTHER LETTER IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY

WORN FROM HER. SUBJECT IS OBVIOUSLY A MENTAL CONDITION AND

CLAIMS HE WAS FORMERLY MARRIED TO MAE WEST AND USED TO BE

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION BOXER OF THE WORLD. HIS BROTHER SAID

THAT HE WAS IN MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR TWO WEEKS, IN THIRTYFOUR,

AND HAS NOT BEEN RIGHT SINCE. HIS BROTHER CLAIMED

HE WOULD KEEP CLOSER WATCH ON HIM TO PREVENT HIM FROM WRITING.

RECORDED MAR 7 1952
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DIRECTOR AND SAC.....URGENT

PETER ALTIERI, DOROTHY LAMOUR, VIKEX. RELATED FEB TWENTYSIX LAST.

AS REQUESTED BY BUREAU, A DISCREET INQUIRY CONCERNING SUBJECT REFLECTS HE HAS NOT BEEN MENTALLY COMPETENT SINCE HIS FATHER DIED APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AND HAS NOT WORKED SINCE THAT TIME. HE HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING HARMLESS AND HAS NEVER CREATED ANY DISTURBANCE.

HE IS SUPPORTED BY HIS BROTHER [REDACTED] HIS BROTHER LETS SUBJECT TAKE THREE YOUNG ADOPTEE BOY OUT FOR WALKS AND HE ASSOCIATES WITH YOUNGER BOYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. NO ONE APPEARS TO BE AFRAID OF HIM AND HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE STATED THAT HE IS QUOTE JESUS CHRIST UNQUOTE. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD HIS MOTHER THAT HE WANTED TO BE MARRIED LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE AND RECENTLY ASKED HIS MOTHER'S PERMISSION TO GO TO CALIFORNIA TO SEE HIS WIFE. HE WAS BORN MARCH TWENTYFIRST NINETEEN ZERO FOUR IN ITALY AND WAS NATURALIZED IN NINETEEN TWENTYNINE IN PHILA. NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL RECORD LISTED. HE HAS LIVED IN PH SINCE HIS ARRIVAL FROM ITALY AND HAS NEVER KNOWN TO MAKE ANY TRIPS FROM HIS HOME WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM HIS BROTHER AND MOTHER. UACB SUBJECT WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED.

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REGISTRATION 4952 WD "PERMISSION"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 1
THE CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES

FILE NO.

PLACE MADE AT PHILADELPHIA	DATE WHEN MADE 3/7/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/27, 28/52	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]
TITLE PETER ALTIERI; DOROTHY LAFOUR - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

PETER ALTIERI reported to be a mental case and has the reputation in his neighborhood of being harmless. He admitted sending a letter to DOROTHY LAFOUR, but said he did not mean to threaten her. His brother informed that PETER ALTIERI was in a mental hospital in 1934.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

Lieutenant [Redacted] 1st Detective Division, 14th and Wolf Streets, advised he has never received any complaints concerning PETER ALTIERI, who lives in his district.

[Redacted] Patrolman, Badge number [Redacted], 24th and Wolf Street Police Department, advised his beat is in the neighborhood where PETER ALTIERI resides, but he is not acquainted with him and never received any complaints against his activities in that neighborhood.

Father [Redacted] and Father [Redacted] Saint Monica's Church, 2422 South 17th Street, advised that the ALTIERI family has resided at 2325 South Bouvier Street, for the past nine years, and had attended Saint Monica's Church. They were not acquainted with PETER ALTIERI, but stated the other members of the ALTIERI family have a good reputation in the neighborhood.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [Signature]	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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[redacted], Postman, number 7011, advised that he has delivered mail to the ALTIERI family for the past nine years, but he has never had an occasion to talk with PETER ALTIERI. He claimed that PETER ALTIERI does not work and he has always observed him around the house during the time that he has delivered mail to that address. [redacted] stated he has never heard anythin concerning the reputation of PETER ALTIERI.

Mrs. [redacted], 1721 Ritner Street, advised that she has been acquainted with the ALTIERI family as neighbors for approximately 10 years. She stated that she always thought there was somethin wrong with PETER ALTIERI, inasmuch as he does not work and is usually seen in the neighborhood takin care of his three year old nephew. She stated she was under the impression that PETER was a mental case, however, she never talked with him, and never heard anythin specific concernin her opinion. She added that the ALTIERI family has a good reputation in that neighborhood as being law-abiding citizens.

Mrs. [redacted], housewife, 2320 South Bouvier Street, who is reported to be a very reliable person, advised that she has been acquainted with the ALTIERI family for approximately 15 years as close neighbors, and has had frequent contacts with PETER ALTIERI's mother. She stated that PETER ALTIERI is a mental case, and has not been mentally competent since his father died approximately 15 years ago, and she understands that he has not had a job of any responsibility since that time. He has the reputation of being harmless and is never known to create any disturbances in the neighborhood. The other families in that neighborhood with children permit them to associate with PETER as he appears to have an age of approximately a 10 to 15 year old boy. His mother told Mrs. [redacted] that he often claims that he is important persons, and at one time, told her that he was Jesus Christ.

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PETER ALTIERI is supported by his brother, [redacted] who further substantiate that PETER ALTIERI is harmless, Mrs. MUSCANTI stated his brother [redacted] permits PETER to take their three year old adopted son out for walks every day. She further advised that PETER's mother told her that PETER recently said that he wanted to be married like everyone else and asked his mother's permission to go to California to see his wife.

She added that PETER ALTIERI is always home at night and has never been known to make any trips out of this city. He loves his brother and mother, according to Mrs. [redacted]. She never knew him to become violent and added that PETER cannot read or write, but is believed to be able to sign his name.

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Mrs. [redacted]

advised that she has seen PETER ALTIERI in the neighborhood for several years, but never talked with him and she added that she often wondered if he was a mental case, inasmuch as he does not work and associates with younger children in the neighborhood. She never knew him to become violent and considered him harmless.

On February 28, 1952, [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed and advised that his brother, PETER, [redacted] in the Philadelphia General Hospital as a mental patient for two weeks in 1934, and said, "PETER has not been right since". He does not work but runs small errands for his brother and mother, and is permitted to walk [redacted] three year old boy in the neighborhood.

[redacted] claims that he has never received any complaints against his brother's activities in the neighborhood, and the neighbors consider him a mental case but harmless. Sometimes he goes away from home for a few hours and hangs around the various movies in the neighborhood, and some of the boys in the neighborhood who know he is a mental case, talk him into doing things that only a person with an unbalanced mind would do. They tease him about his various wives and PETER is always letting his imagination run away with him. He claims he has been married to prominent girls, and is always claiming to be an important person. He has never been married and was never known to mention DOROTHY LAFOUR.

PETER has not had a job of any responsibility since 1944, but has had a few minor jobs with a few companies since that time, but has not worked at any place since 1946.

[redacted] added that the property at 2325 South Bouvier Street is in PETER ALTIERI's name and there is approximately \$15,000 mortgage on it. He claims that PETER cannot read or write, but can sign his name. There is no typewriter in their home and he stated that PETER cannot use a typewriter. He claimed that he would keep a closer watch on PETER to prevent him from sending additional letters. He added that PETER minds him very well and doubts that any more letters will be sent.

PETER ALTIERI was interviewed on February 28, 1952, at the reporting agent and SA EDWARD I. COLE, at 2325 South Bouvier Street. He readily admitted sending a letter to DOROTHY LAFOUR and said that he did not mean for it to contain a threat, and did not mean to imply a threat. He claimed that he did not want to hurt anyone, and claimed this was the only letter he ever sent to her or anyone else. He stated that he mailed the letter on February 14, 1952, and said it was written by a friend of his who he would not identify. He said that he told this person what to write in this letter, inasmuch as he cannot write and cannot use a typewriter.

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He claimed that he was married to DOROTHY LANOUR in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1923, and made her the important person she is today. He claimed that they separated a few years after the marriage, and Miss LANOUR agreed to give him money every month. He claimed that they have a son, PETE, from this marriage. He claimed that he was formerly married to MAE WEST, and further claimed that he was Light Weight Champion of the World in boxing in 1923. He claimed that he used to own a lot of property in Philadelphia, and was formerly a policeman and claimed that they owe him for two weeks' pay. He states that he is now unable to work because he is physically handicapped.

He visited the circus in Philadelphia, in the summer of 1951, and DOROTHY LANOUR was there making a moving picture and he tried to see her with the help of his friend J. B. He refused to identify J. B., but later admitted that he was a homosexual. He said that J. B. obtained \$3,000 from LANOUR when she was in Philadelphia, in 1951, but that he did not give it to him. He promised he would not write her any more letters, but expects to receive money from her, and that he might write her another letter if she did not send him money that is due him.

ALTIERI added that he did not understand the seriousness of writing any other letters to Miss LANOUR because she was his wife.

The following is a description of PETER ALTIERI as obtained from observation and interrogation:

Race	White	b6
Sex	Male	b7C
Age	47	
Born	March 21, 1904, in	
	Italy	
Naturalized	February 27, 1929,	
	at Philadelphia, Pa.	
Naturalization Number	2999153	
Height	5' 8"	
Eyes	Brown	
Hair	Brown	
Brother		

2325 South Bouvier Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

The records of the Philadelphia Police Department and the records of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, Inc., were checked by [REDACTED] but no record was located on PETER ALTIERI.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

REFERENCE: Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau and Philadelphia,
dated 2/26/52.

Philadelphia teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles, dated
2/27/52, and 2/28/52.

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DIRECTOR, SAC VERY URGENT

PETER ALTIERI, DOROTHY LAMOUR, VIKEX. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FAN MAIL SECRETARY OF VICTIM, MADE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING AIRMAIL TYPEWRITTEN LETTER DATED FEB. FOURTEEN, FIFTYTWO, FROM SUBJECT ADDRESSED TO LAMOUR, ONE SEVEN THREE SIX HOLLYWOOD ST., BEVERLY HILLS. LETTER HELD FROM APPROXIMATELY FEB. FIFTEEN TO FEB. TWENTYFIVE, FIFTYTWO, BY PARAMOUNT STUDIOS FOR CALL BY SECRETARY. CONTEXT FOLLOWS. QUOTE. MY DEAR WIFE DOROTHY. I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART, BUT I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU IGNORE ME LIKE YOU DO, WHEN YOU WERE IN PHILA., LAST YEAR YOU WOULD NOT SEE ME AND MADE J.B. KEEP ME FROM YOU. MY MOTHER IS CRYING EVERY DAY BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT SEE ME. HOW IS MY MOTHER-IN-LAW. THE REASON I AM WRITING YOU IS THAT I MUST HAVE SOME MONEY FOR AN OPERATION AND I AM NOT ABLE TO WORK ANY MORE, HAV-NT FOR FOUR YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
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MY SON PETE AND YOU VERY MUCH, SO PLEASE SENT ME ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE OPERATION AND ENOUGH TO COME SEE YOU. I AM ALSO HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY BROTHER AS HE DOES NOT WANT TO SUPPORT ME ANY MORE SINCE I HAVE NO MONEY, HE WANTS TO FORCE A SHERIFF SALE OF OUR HOUSE ON WHICH I STILL OWE FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS, PLEASE SEND ME SOME MONEY AT ONCE TO HELP ME. DON-T BELIEVE WHAT J.B. TOLD YOU, YOU GAVE HIM THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO GIVE ME AND HE KEPT IT ALL FOR HIMSELF, IF HE COMES TO YOUR HOUSE HAVE OUR SON LITTLE PETE PUNCH HIM IN THE NOSE FOR ME, PLEASE ANSWER ME AT ONCE. YOUR LOVING HUSBAND, PETE ALTIERI, TWO THREE TWO FIVE S. BOUVIER ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. UNQUOTE. UACB, PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW SUBJ AND OBTAIN SIGNED STATEMENT. ALSO SECURE TYPEWRITER SPECIMENS, HANDWRITING SAMPLES OF SUBJECTS SIGNATURE, AND FINGERPRINTS, FORWARDING SAME TO FEI LAE. EXTORTION LETTER BEING FORWARDED TO LAB AMSD. MATTER TO BE PRESENTED USA, LA, UPON RECEIPT RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT. PHILA. SUTEL, EXPEDITE.

CARSON

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: February 26, 1952

FROM : Mr. Hosen

Time of call: 6:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: PETER ALTIERI
DOROTHY LAMOUR - VICTIM
EXTORTIONPURPOSE:

To advise that subject, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, mailed a possible extortion letter to victim, February 14, 1952, and that the Philadelphia Office has been instructed to discreetly *418* ascertain background and reputation of subject and unless the facts indicate otherwise, to interview him.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Fan Mail Secretary of victim, made available the following airmail typewritten letter dated February 14, 1952, from the subject addressed to Dorothy Lamour, 1736 Hollywood Street, Beverly Hills. The letter was held from approximately February 15 to February 25, 1952, by Paramount studios for call by secretary. The context is as follows: "My dear wife Dorothy. I love with all my heart, but **I** cannot understand why you ignore me like you do, when you were in Phila., last year you would not see me and made J. B. keep me from you. My mother is crying every day because you will not see me. How is my mother-in-law. The reason I am writing you is that I must have some money for an operation and I am not able to work any more, hav'nt for four years. I would like to see my son Pete and you very much, so please send me enough money for the operation and enough to come see you. I am also having trouble with my brother as he does not want to support me any more since I have no money, he wants to force a sheriff sale of our house on which I still owe \$1400, please send me some money at once to help me. Don't believe what J. B. told you, you gave him \$3,000 to give me and he kept it all for himself, if he comes to your house have our son little pete punch him in the nose for me, please answer me at once. Your loving husband, Pete Altieri, 2325 S. Bouvier St., Philadelphia, Pa."

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The Los Angeles Office instructed the Philadelphia Office to interview the subject, obtain a signed statement, secure typewriting specimens, handwriting specimens, and fingerprints. The Los Angeles Office advised that the letter is being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory and that the Los Angeles Office will present the matter to the United States Attorney there, upon receipt of the investigation requested of the Philadelphia Office.

cc: Mr. Nichols

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SAC Carson advised that [redacted] does not know subject and has no record of ever having received a letter from him before. She knows of no one by subject's name who is a former acquaintance or associate of victim. She informed the Los Angeles Office that victim is now in New York City making an appearance at the Paramount Theater and has no knowledge of the receipt of this letter.

ACTION TAKEN:

There is no record of subject in Bureau indices according to [redacted] Service Unit.

SA Waldman, Night Supervisor, Philadelphia Office was advised that the first thing February 27, 1952, a discrete check should be made to ascertain the background and reputation of subject and to immediately advise the Bureau. He was advised that this should include a check of the Philadelphia Office indices. He was advised that there was no identifiable record of the subject in the Bureau indices. He was instructed that in the absence of any unusual background information, subject should be interviewed and other steps taken as instructed by the Los Angeles Office and that the Bureau should be advised of the results thereof.

RECOMMENDATION:

That if the results of the investigation so indicates, the victim should be discretely advised of the facts developed by investigation.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *11*
FROM : Mr. Winterrowd *11*
SUBJECT: PETER ALTIERI;
DOROTHY LAMOUR - VICTIM
EXTORTION

DATE: February 27, 1952

Time of call - 5:50 p.m.

Telephonic contact was had with SAC Cornelius and he was instructed that the Philadelphia Office interview Altieri as soon as possible and advise the Bureau as told to determine why such a letter had been written to Dorothy Lamour and to make it very clear to Altieri that such letters should not be written and that he should not write letters of this nature in the future.

This instruction was given on the basis of the attached teletype from the Philadelphia Field Division dated February 27, 1952, captioned as above, wherein Philadelphia advised that the subject would not be interviewed unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Attachment
JW:jlb

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REPORT
of the

FBI

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

March 11, 1952

To: SAC, Los Angeles

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 3, 1952.

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PETER ALTIERI;
DOROTHY LAMOUR
VIKEX

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-
FBI FILE NO. 9-21885
LAB. NO. D-145215 BE

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 2-26-52

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q1 Tan envelope bearing the typewritten address "Miss Dorothy Lamour 1736 Hollywood Street Beverly Hills, California," postmarked "PHILADELPHIA, PA. FEB 15 1952 10-AM," from "Pete Altieri 2325 S. Bouvier Street Philadelphia, Pa."

Q2 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning "My Dear Wife Dorothy: I Love With All My Heart, But....," bearing the handwritten signature "Peter Altieri."

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Inasmuch as the subject has admitted writing the above-described specimens, they are being returned to your office herewith. No further examination is being made in the Laboratory.

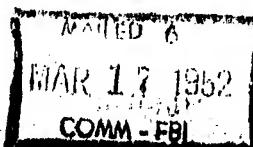
Photographs of Q1 and Q2 have been retained in the Bureau's files.

Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL

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LATENT...

Re: PETER ALTIERI,
DOROTHY LAMOUR
VIKEXFile # 9-2145215
Lab. # D-145215 BE

NO. LAB FILE OPENED

Examination requested by: Los Angeles 9-new

Date of reference communication: let. 2-26-52

Date received: 3-3-52
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Examination requested: Doc. - Fp.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: b6
b7c

3/13/52

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Envelope bearing the typewritten address "Miss Dorothy Lamour 1736 Hollywood Street Beverly Hills, California," pm. "PHILADELPHIA, PA. ~~XXXX~~ FEB 15 1952 10-AM," from "Pete Altieri 2325 S. Bouvier Street Philadelphia, Pa."

Q2 Accp. typewritten letter beg. "My Dear Wife Dorothy! I Love With Ally My Heart, But....," bearing the handwritten sig. "PETER ALTIERI" "Peter Altieri"

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TO SFU 3-7

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File # 9-21885-
Lab. # D-145215 BE

Examination requested by:

Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: b6
b7cSpecimens submitted for examination

Q1 Light tan business-size envelope measuring 4.12" x 9.47" x .0035" to .0036" and having no watermark.

Q2 White bond paper measuring 10.98" x 8.49" to 8.51" x .0037" to .0038" and having the watermark "HAMMERMILL MIMEO-BOND MADE IN U.S.A." Lockwood's Directory 1952 lists this man. for the Hammermill Paper Co., 1440 East Lake Road, Erie, Pa.